5th and 6th Grade Community Newsletter

5th Grade

5 Blue- Students in 5 blue wrote and are publishing a math story

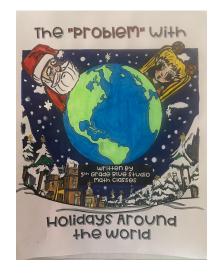
problem book. The title of the book is, *The 'Problem'* with Holiday's Around the World. Students worked in small groups to research the holiday customs of a country around the world. They created an ornament with the country's flag and three facts about holiday celebrations. A few groups did joyous holidays and the countries that celebrate those holidays. For example



Kwanza and Eid (muslim celebration following Ramadan). The thing that every group had in common was the joyous celebrations of people around the world. The ornaments were used to make a holiday bulletin board outside of Blue Studio.

In part two of the project, students then took their international research to create a math story problem for the studio math book. The premise of the book was that Santa wanted to learn more about children

today and how they celebrate joy all around the world. He sent his best elf, Candy Cane, on a magical and "problematic" fact finding mission around the world. In each country, Candy Cane learns about food, traditions, and of course encounters a math problem; which she solves with her handy dandy math notebook. Blue studio 5th grade student, Ella Shultz, created Candy Cane, and all of the students added her elf drawing in the

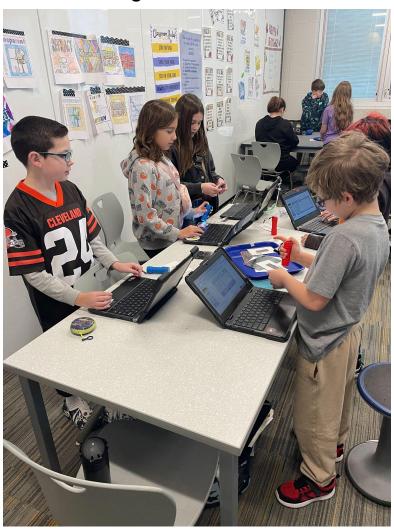


pictures drawn to go with their math problem in the book. The book is

currently at the publishing company of Student Treasures, and delivery is expected in early February, when we will have an Authors' and Book Signing Party!

5 Yellow -

In science students just finished up their learning of force and motion. They have begun to explore the characteristics of light energy through hands-on stations. Social Studies has introduced Ancient Civilizations and are beginning with the Maya Civilization dating back to 2600 BCE. ELA will be starting a new novel and continue working on writing skills.





6 Orange

Students began utilizing Microscopes in the lab to identify cells and other microscopic structures found within organic material! Student inquiry led them to bringing in organic materials from home to look at during Science including pet hair, orange peels, onion skin and even in one case- their pet snake's skin!



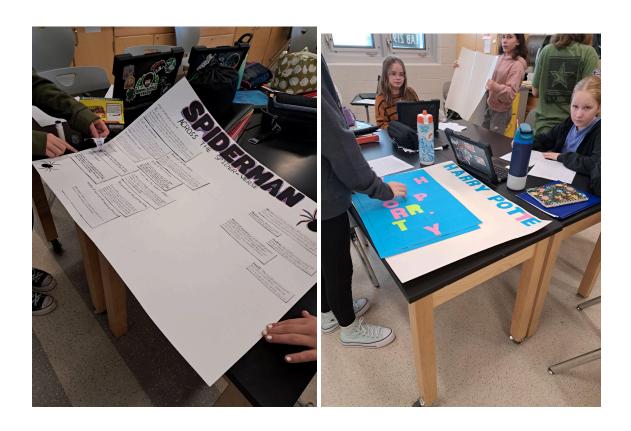


5-8 Honors ELA

5th grade students have been creating idiom costumes and will celebrate the end of the quarter with idiom presentations, pairing with Mrs. Koehler's 8th grade class who will select the winning idiom costume. Pictures forthcoming.

6th grade Honors ELA

Students are completing a film study in which they are tracing the Hero's Journey and analyzing archetypes. Look for these completed posters to be displayed in the art hallway soon.



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Congrats to Brogan Comerford for winning Cleveland Monsters Tickets!



